

HOUSE RESOLUTION 65

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Stacy Lightfoot on being named a 2015 Woman of Distinction.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Stacy Lightfoot is one such estimable individual, who has been named a 2015 Woman of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is given to women who have distinguished themselves through their professional, civic, and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, after receiving her undergraduate degree as part of a national community service scholarship program, Ms. Lightfoot traveled to London, England, to earn her master's degree in international service. When she completed her schooling, she went to Kingston, Jamaica, to teach mathematics and English, and then she returned home to Chattanooga to help public school students and their families navigate the higher education system; and

WHEREAS, with her compassion for people and a love of cultures, Stacy Lightfoot has devoted thousands of hours of service in her community and abroad, performing in plays, singing in choirs, restoring houses, teaching English, and emceeing events. She has ventured across the seas to more than twenty-five countries; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lightfoot serves as the vice president of college and career success at the Public Education Foundation; she is the board chair of Ballet Tennessee; and she is a member of numerous nonprofit boards, professional organizations, and networks, including Chattanooga Connected, a group that formed to remove racial barriers and form friendships; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Stacy Lightfoot received the national Counselors That Change Lives award in 2011, and in 2015 she received the Girls Inc. UnBought and UnBossed Award; and

WHEREAS, she is perhaps most appreciative of the love and support she shares with her mother, Cula, and her daughter, Dallas; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Stacy Lightfoot takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee the nickname of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Stacy Lightfoot who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Stacy Lightfoot on being named a 2015 Woman of Distinction, thank her for all she has done to make her community and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.